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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces any earlier listing:

- 1-8. (cancelled)
9. (currently amended) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle, comprising
a radiation source for illumination of the vehicle environment with infrared
radiation,
an infrared sensitive camera for detecting at least a part of the illuminated vehicle
environment,
an IR-filter associated with ~~[[a]] the camera and disposed in front of the camera,~~
and
a display for representing the image information acquired by the camera,
wherein different areas of the IR-filter area exhibit different transmission
characteristics, and wherein at least one area of the IR-filter is almost transparent for
visible light or a part thereof.
10. (currently amended)) ~~[[A]] The device for improving the view in a motor vehicle~~
according to Claim 9, wherein ~~the IR-filter exhibits said~~ at least one area with has a
degree of transmission of approximately 10^{-3} or greater for visible light or parts thereof.
11. (currently amended)) ~~[[A]] The device for improving the view in a motor vehicle~~
according to Claim 10, wherein said at least one area is located at the edge area of the IR-
filter.
12. (currently amended)) ~~[[A]] The device for improving the view in a motor vehicle~~
according to Claim 10, wherein said at least one area is provided in the central area of the
IR-filter.

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13. (currently amended)) [[A]] ~~The device for improving the view in a motor vehicle~~
according to Claim 10, wherein the at least one area of the IR-filter comprises less than
25% of the surface of the IR-filter.
14. (currently amended)) [[A]] ~~The device for improving the view in a motor vehicle~~
according to Claim 10, wherein said at least one area of the IR-filter is in the shape of a
circle, a star, a quadrilateral, a circle segment, a section of a circle or a ring.
15. (currently amended)) [[A]] ~~The device for improving the view in a motor vehicle~~
according to Claim 10, wherein said at least one area of the IR-filter is formed by one of:
a hole in the IR-filter, a clear area in the coating of the IR-filter, and an open area in the
coating of the IR-filter.
16. (currently amended)) [[A]] ~~The device for improving the view in a motor vehicle~~
according to Claim 9, wherein the IR-filter exhibits at least a second area with a degree of
transmissivity of approximately 10^{-5} or less for visible light.
17. (currently amended)) [[A]] ~~The device as in~~ according to Claim 9, wherein said IR-filter
is transmissive for infrared radiation emitted by said radiation source.